



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Alain Van Sinoy, et al  
Serial No.: 10/816,462  
Filing Date: April 1, 2004  
For: POLYETHYLENE BLENDS WITH GOOD CONTACT  
TRANSPARENCY  
Examiner: Olga Asinovsky  
Art Unit: 1711

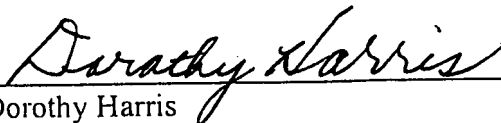
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181 TO  
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

This Petition is filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated August 31, 2007.

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above identified application and request that this application be allowed in view of a telephone interview with the Examiner of January 3, 2007 (the substance of which was made of record in this file in accordance with the MPEP, §713.04), the submission of a terminal disclaimer originally filed on January 3, 2007, a new terminal disclaimer dated concurrently herewith, and the additional circumstances stated below. A copy of the original Submission of Terminal

Disclaimer dated January 3, 2007 along with the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer of January 3, 2007 attached thereto is submitted herewith as Exhibit I.

In support of this petition, applicant respectfully makes the following showing.

On September 1, 2006 a Final Rejection issued in the above-identified application. The Final Rejection rejected claims 1-8, 12, and 13-17 (all the claims in the case) as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) or alternatively as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a). Both rejections were based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,566,450 to Debras.

On November 29, 2006 applicant filed a Response to Office Action traversing the rejections based upon Debras et al under 102 (e) and 103 (a) and showing that this application and the Debras et al patent are commonly assigned for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. 103 (c). Accompanying this response was an exhibit reflecting the name change of the assignee of record in the Debras et al patent to support the showing under 35 U.S.C. 103 (c).

On December 18, 2006 an Advisory Action was issued stating under Request for Reconsideration/Other "The Evidence Exhibit A is illegible and it is not readable, and there is no signature. The rejection after final is not withdrawn."

After further review of this case, a telephone interview was had with Examiner Olga Asinovsky on January 3, 2007. In the course of the interview the Examiner agreed that the claims were patentable over the patent to Debras. However, the Examiner indicated that upon withdrawal of the Final Rejection, a new rejection involving an obviousness type double patenting rejection based upon the Debras patent would be made.

In response to this new determination of a double patenting issue, applicant submitted a terminal disclaimer against the Debras patent on January 3, 2007. In this filing, headed "Submission of Terminal Disclaimer" (filed on January 3, 2007 by First Class Mail and by

Facsimile) applicant made of record the substance of the interview of January 3, 2007. Rather than awaiting a withdrawal of the Final Rejection and the institution of a new nonfinal rejection of obviousness type double patenting based upon Debras et al, the terminal disclaimer was submitted along with the confirmation of the substance of the interview, as noted above.

Although the completed Form PTO/SB/26 does not state the correct application serial number, it is evident from the Submission itself headed "In Re Application of: Alain Van Sinoy et al" and "Serial Number 10/816,462" that the terminal disclaimer was in fact being submitted in Application Serial No. 10/816,462. The submission states in part "--applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the above-identified application against U.S. Patent No. 6,566,450." Thus, the entire filing of January 3, 2007 when considered as a whole does reflect a terminal disclaimer in the "instant application" against the term of Patent No. 6,566,450. Moreover, the terminal disclaimer was approved in the USPTO on January 22, 2007 and the approval document correctly identifies this Application No. 10/816,462. Attached as Exhibit II is a copy of this document as reproduced from PAIR.

Apparently, after reaching the USPTO, the terminal disclaimer dated January 3, 2007, became separated from the Submission of Terminal Disclaimer dated January 3, 2007. As a result, the Examiner apparently failed to appreciate that a terminal disclaimer had been filed and approved and accordingly there remained no further issues in the case since the Examiner had agreed with applicant's attorney that the Debras et al patent did not bar patentability under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Under the circumstances and in view of the agreement reached in the telephone interview of January 3, 2007, as memorialized in the Submission of Terminal Disclaimer dated January 3, 2007, applicant respectfully petitions that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. In view of

the defect in the original terminal disclaimer, not recognized until recently by either the USPTO or the applicant, applicant submits herewith a new terminal disclaimer which on its face properly identifies this application.

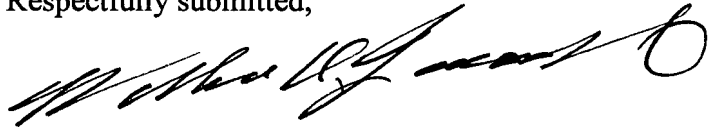
Further applicant would respectfully disagree with the statement made in the Notice of Abandonment under 1(c) that the original reply... “does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply...” Even if the terminal disclaimer as filed contained a misidentification, its filing at a minimum represents a “bona-fide attempt at a proper reply”. In any case, the terminal disclaimer was approved and the filing of January 3, 2007, when considered in its entirety, indicates a proper reply.

Further applicant would respectfully submit that he is entitled to rely upon the telephone interview of January 3, 2007, the substance of which was made of record in this file as set forth in the January 3, 2007 submission, as well as the approval of the terminal disclaimer. In view of the indication in the telephone interview that the original rejection would be withdrawn and a new double patenting rejection would issue, if in fact a terminal disclaimer were not properly filed, applicant is entitled to rely upon the Examiner’s position that a new rejection would issue.

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It is Applicant's understanding that a petition fee is not required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this filing to the Schultz & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No.50-2225.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBTAIN A DOUBLE PATENTING  
REJECTION OVER A "PRIOR" PATENT**Docket Number (Optional)  
31223.00035 (F-918)

In re Application of: Alain Van Sinoy et al.

Application No.: 10/816,462

Filed: April 1, 2004

For: Polyethylene Blends with Good Contact Transparency

The owner\*, Total Petrochemical Research Feluy, of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term prior patent No. US 6,566,450 B2 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 of the prior patent, "as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer," in the event that said prior patent later:

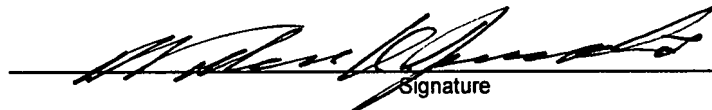
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**Submission of Terminal Disclaimer**

Applicants' attorney acknowledges with appreciation the telephone interview granted by Examiner Asinovsky on January 3, 2007. In the course of the telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that the claims herein are patentable over the U. S. Patent No. 6,566,450 to Debras et al., but stated that in view of the common assignee of this application and the Debras et al patent, an obviousness type double patenting rejection based upon Debras et al would issue. In response to this determination, in order to facilitate prosecution of this application to an early conclusion, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the above identified application against U.S. Patent No. 6,566,450. It is noted that, as stated in applicants' previous response filed

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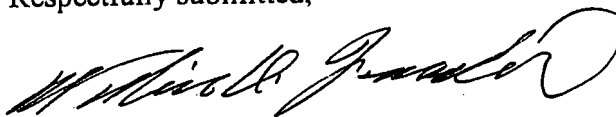


November 29, 2006, Fina Research, S.A., the assignee of record in the Debras et al patent, is now Total Petrochemical Research Feluy.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee for a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any further fees in connection with the filing of this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-2225.

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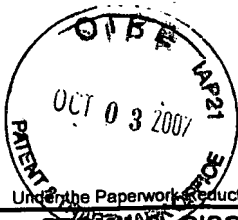
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In re Application of: Guy Debras et al

Application No.: 10/037,934

Filed: January 4, 2002

For: Production of Multimodal Polyethylene

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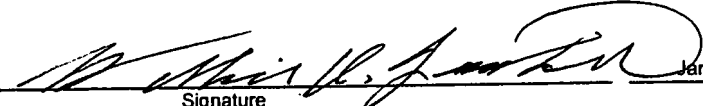
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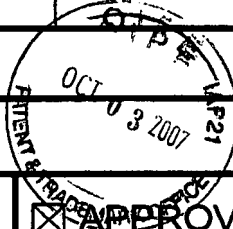
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